

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1959 – HB 2294

February 7, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes deployed service members who serve on a municipal legislative body (MLB) to attend MLB meetings via two-way electronic audio-video communications during their deployment, upon approval of the MLB.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise increase in local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined. However, any such increase in local expenditures is considered permissive.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012812):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and replaces language such that the only substantive change to the legislation would increase from under one year to 13 months or less, the length of time a service member can be deployed and attend MLB meetings via two-way electronic audio-video communications.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation will authorize deployed service members to vote and receive pay for attendance at meetings attended via two-way electronic audio-video communication.
- Some municipalities pay councilmembers per meeting while others pay councilmembers an annual salary, while the frequency of MLB meetings and compensation rates of councilmembers vary by municipality.
- Due to multiple unknown factors such as the number of cities who will authorize deployed service members to attend MLB meetings via two-way electronic audio-video communications, the number of such meetings attended by such deployed service members, and the extent of any compensation paid to such members which would not have been paid in the absence of this legislation, a precise increase in local government expenditures cannot be determined; however any increase is considered permissive.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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